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OCI Periodic Requirements List for the Months 1 May - 31 Aug 57
USSR and Eastern Europe

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1. We are submitting herewith the subject requirements on the attached lists.

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1. USSR

A. Retain the following items:

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B. Add the following items:

1. New construction projects may be deferred in 1957 in line with recent plenum decisions. Is there evidence that such deferrals are being made and, if so, what are the characteristics of the projects? (type, size, region) (U)
2. Housing is officially regarded as a high priority construction objective in 1957, and possibly in the balance of the Sixth PNP. What evidence is there of the implementation of this priority (preferential allocation of labor and materials; changes in construction schedules to allow for increased housing; immediate measures to deal with delays) What evidence is there that this priority will continue through and beyond 1957? (U)
3. Cement production lagged in 1956. If it should continue to lag what would be the affect on deliveries for particular types of construction; on construction progress in any particular area? (U)

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2. EASTERN EUROPE - GENERAL ECONOMIC

A. Retain the following items:

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B. Add the following requirements:

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Czechoslovakia are the major satellite producers of cement plant installations. It has been reported that under the CIA

program for economic specialization in the satellites, East Germany is to specialize in plants with a capacity of 800 tons per day or more and Czechoslovakia in plants with less than 800 tons per day capacity. Confirm the existence of any such arrangement.

Cement plant installations are an important export item in the Soviet Bloc drive for economic penetration of underdeveloped areas. Information is needed on exports of cement plants from Bloc countries, including intra-bloc exports. Is there evidence of competition among satellite countries in offering cement plants to underdeveloped areas.

ALBANIA

Information on the construction of housing and the adequacy of housing facilities is needed. What proportion of new housing constructed is urban or rural, state or private? What are the predominant construction materials used in construction of workers housing by the state; in construction of private and rural housing?

BULGARIA

Add to Item 2(a), page 54, the category "construction".

Bulgaria reports a relatively large volume of rural housing construction, the majority of it being private housing. Bulgaria does not appear, however, to have adequate supplies of cement, brick or lumber to support a rural housing construction program of the magnitude reported. Does non-private rural housing consist entirely of structures at state and cooperative farms? Of what materials are such houses constructed? Are significant quantities of cement and bricks supplied for private house building in rural areas? To what extent are such local materials as clay, adobe, etc. used in construction of rural housing, either socialized or private?

Information is needed on imports and exports of cement. The origin of imports and destination of exports would be helpful.

EAST GERMANY

There has been some evidence that East Germany has decided on the Darss Peninsula as an alternate to the abandoned Rugen Island site for a submarine base on the Baltic Sea. Information is needed on the nature and extent of any construction activity on Darss Peninsula.

East Germany announced in May 1956 that construction has started on an Elbe-Baltic canal from Muklosen, East Germany to the Baltic Sea at Wismar. The announced purpose of the canal was to make East Germany (and Czechoslovakia as well) independent of West German ports. Since there could be little economic justification for such a canal if Germany were re-unified, the announcement of the decision to construct it was probably a political move designed to force West Germany to negotiate at the

ministerial level on problems of navigation in the Elbe River. Subsequent reports indicate that construction was halted in July 1956. Report any resumption of construction activity at this site and indicate the nature and extent of construction activity.

In December 1956, it was reported that Fred Oelssner, a deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers, was in disagreement with Walter Ulbricht over the future investment program at the Schwarze-Pumpe Coking Combine, the largest single construction project of the Second Five Year Plan. It was reported that Oelssner favored diverting planned investment funds from the project to measures for improving living standards, but was overruled by Ulbricht. In view of the current economic difficulties in East Germany, government policy concerning construction of this or other such long-range projects is of considerable interest. Information is desired on any changes in the scheduled investment program for Schwarze-Pumpe. It is possible that construction may be concentrated on those phases of the project which can make an immediate contribution to production, as for example the brown coal fields, while construction of the coking plant is deferred. Report on any such developments.